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WASHINGTON, July 22, 1982 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 17 totaled an estimated 14.5 billion ton-miles, 15.4 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 29 weeks of 1982 was an estimated 457.8 billion ton-miles, 10.0 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended July 17 totaled 343,028 cars, 19.0 percent below 1981, but 29.2 percent higher than the preceding holiday week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 25.0 percent in the East, 17.1 percent in the South, and 16.0 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1981, 16 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, grain loadings increased by 3,101 cars, or 13.0 percent. All 21 groups increased from the preceding holiday week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the holiday week ended July 10 totaled 29,986 cars, down 1.6 percent from the corresponding week of 1981, and 51,593 trailers and/or containers, 1.5 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 28 weeks of the year was 994,578 cars, 8.2 percent higher than last year, and 1,761,692 trailers and/or containers, up 6.3 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/17/82:

	Loadings in Week ended July 17, 1982		Change from Corresponding Week 1981			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	26,944	I	3,101	13.0	I	1,193	4.6
Other farm products	4,615	I	702	17.9	I	776	20.2
Metallic ores	13,565	D	27,058	66.6	I	2,241	19.8
Coal	101,212	D	17,905	15.0	I	37,152	58.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	9,833	D	3,235	24.8	I	1,781	22.1
Nonmetallic minerals	9,080	D	6,830	42.9	I	925	11.3
Grain mill products	11,385	D	2,186	16.1	I	2,067	22.2
Food and kindred products	12,867	D	1,396	9.8	I	2,479	23.9
Primary forest products	15,259	D	2,963	16.3	I	4,332	39.6
Lumber and wood products except furniture	5,829	D	1,681	22.4	I	1,769	43.6
Pulp, paper and allied products	14,647	D	2,926	16.7	I	2,808	23.7
Chemicals and allied products	19,552	D	3,779	16.2	I	2,700	16.0
Petroleum products	4,606	D	259	5.3	I	528	12.9
Stone, clay and glass products	10,206	D	3,670	26.4	I	1,867	22.4
Coke	4,423	D	1,826	29.2	I	229	5.5
Metals and products	7,605	D	7,052	48.1	I	1,434	23.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	13,921	I	1,286	10.2	I	2,886	26.2
Waste and scrap materials	7,191	D	4,060	36.1	I	1,768	32.6
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	7,605	D	712	8.6	I	1,045	15.9
All other carloads	42,480	I	1,798	4.4	I	7,428	21.2
LCL traffic	203	I	23	12.8	I	49	31.8
Total Cars Loaded	343,028	D	80,628	19.0	I	77,457	29.2
Corresponding week of 1981	423,656						

	1982	1981	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (29 weeks)	10,635,643	11,983,140	D 11.2
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
28 Weeks cumulative	443.3	491.4	D 9.8
Week ended July 17	14.5	17.2	D 15.4
29 Weeks cumulative	457.8	508.5	D 10.0

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